

Agenda Item: 2013-606 Text Amendment to Customary Home Occupation

DATE: February 5, 2014 FROM: Jim King, Planner II

Background/Issue:

The applicant is requesting a text amendment to Section 153.166 (H) Permitted Customary Home Occupations of the current Zoning Ordinance to allow for home based food businesses. The ordinance currently allows for some goods to be produced from the residence such as gift baskets, flower arrangements, and other home craft businesses; however, home based food business is not spelled out. The proposed text amendment reads as follows:

There have been no changes or additions to the proposed text amendment since the public hearing and the Planning Board is recommending approval.

Text in the UDO already allows this type of activity as a home business, so no further text change is necessary in the UDO.

Proposal/Solution:

The proposed amendment would allow for a home based food business as a customary home occupation and better align the current regulations for home based business with existing food programs allowed and regulated by the State.

Related Town Goal:

Public Safety
Economic Development/Land Use Planning

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approving the text Amendment to Customary Home Occupations 153.166 (H).